Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (original) An aqueous colloidal gold solution comprising an aqueous medium and
   (a) gold particles in colloidal form,
   (b) a compound having a polar tertiary amino group conjugated via a hydrophobic aromatic residue with a weaker alkaline group which can also be a part of the aromatic residue, and
   (c) a stabilizer comprising a mercapto group (-SH) and an acidic group.

2. (original) An aqueous colloidal gold solution according to claim 1, wherein the colloidal gold particles have an average diameter of 1 to 20 nm.

3. (original) An aqueous colloidal gold solution according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the aromatic residue of the compound (b) is a N-heteroaromatic residue with the nitrogen atom as weaker alkaline group.

4. (original) An aqueous colloidal gold solution according to claim 3, wherein the heteroaromatic residue is a pyridine residue.

5. (currently amended) An aqueous colloidal gold solution according to ~~claims 1, 3 or~~ claim 4, wherein the compound (b) is 4-dimethylamino-pyridine (DMAP).

6. (currently amended) An aqueous colloidal gold solution according to ~~one of the previous claims~~ claim 1, wherein the stabilizer (c) comprises a sulfonic acid group ($-SO_3^-$).

7. (original) An aqueous colloidal gold solution according to claim 6, wherein the stabilizer (c) is a mercapto- (C_{1-5}) – alkylsulfonic acid salt.

8. (original) An aqueous colloidal gold solution according to claim 7, wherein the stabilizer (c) is a 2-mercaptoethane sulfonic acid salt.

9. (currently amended) An aqueous colloidal gold solution according to ~~any one of the previous claims~~ claim 1, comprising furthermore, as evaporation blocker,

(d) a polar organic compound with a vicinal dihydroxy group or an oligomer thereof.

10. (original) An aqueous colloidal gold solution according to claim 9, wherein the compound (d) is ethylene glycol.

11. (currently amended) An aqueous colloidal gold solution according to ~~any one of the previous claims~~ claim 1, having the following composition:

(a) 6 to 10 % by weight of the gold nanoparticles,

(b) 0.1 to 3 % by weight of the compound having a tertiary amino group,

(c) 0.2 to 0.6 % by weight of the stabilizer, and optionally

(d) 1 to 8 % by weight of the evaporation blocker, each based on the total weight of the aqeous

12. (currently amended) An aqueous colloidal gold solution according to ~~any one of the previous claims~~ claim 1, having a pH of 8 to 11.

13. (currently amended) Ink or printer cartridges containing the aqueous colloidal gold solution of ~~claims 1 to 12~~ claim 1.

14. (original) Printer cartridge according to claim 13, which is an ink jet printer cartridge.

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18. (canceled)

19. (new) An aqueous colloidal gold solution according to claim 6, comprising furthermore, as evaporation blocker,

(e) a polar organic compound with a vicinal dihydroxy group or an oligomer thereof.

20. (new) Ink or printer cartridges containing the aqueous colloidal gold solution of claim 6.

21. (new) Ink or printer cartridges containing the aqueous colloidal gold solution of claim 11.